

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-35 are currently pending. Please note claim 2 was cancelled in preliminary amended filed January 28, 2004. Claims 7-10, 17, 22-25, 27-30 and 32-35 have been amended to place so that these claims no longer lack antecedent basis in the claims from which they depend. No new matter has been introduced into the application by way of amendment.

Rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph:

Claims 7-10, 16, 17 and 21-35 are rejected as being indefinite for lacking antecedent basis in the claims from which they depend. The amendment to claims 7-10, 17, 22-25, 27-30 and 32-35, consistent with the Examiner's suggestions, are believed to overcome these rejections. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully solicited.

Allowable subject matter:

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3-6, 11-15 and 18-20 are allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request such action.

If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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